OPINION 1417
CHROMIS CUVIER *IN* DESMAREST, 1814 (OSTEICHTHYES, PERCIFORMES): GENDER CONFIRMED AS FEMININE

RULING.—(1) The name *Chromis* Cuvier *in* Desmarest, 1814 (gender: feminine), type species by original designation, *Sparus chromis* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(2) The name *chromis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Sparus chromis* (specific name of the type species of *Chromis* Cuvier *in* Desmarest, 1814) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The application asking that the gender of the generic name *Chromis* Cuvier *in* Desmarest, 1814 be ruled as masculine is refused. Since it was treated as feminine in the original work, under Article 30(a) (i) of the Code it is so placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology. It is to be noted that this in no way defines the gender of generic names ending in *-chromis*.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2329

An application for a ruling on the gender of the name *Chromis* Cuvier *in* Desmarest, 1814 and of names ending in *-chromis* was first received from Dr R. M. Bailey (*University of Michigan, U.S.A.*), Dr C. R. Robins (*University of Miami, U.S.A.*) and Dr P. H. Greenwood (*British Museum (Natural History), London*) on 23 November 1979. After some correspondence it was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 37, pp. 247–255 (December 1980). Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to nine general and two specialist serials. A supportive comment was received from Dr W. I. Follett and Dr L. J. Dempster (*California Academy of Science, U.S.A.*) and published in vol. 38, p. 284. A counter comment was received from Dr S. O. Kullander (*Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm*) and published with a comment from Dr A. R. Emery (*National Museum of Natural Sciences, Canada*) in vol. 42, pp. 215–218.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 17 April 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 37, pp. 248–249. At the close of the voting period on 17 July 1986 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes—seven (7) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Savage, Cocks, Corliss, Starobogatov, Alvarado

Negative Votes—thirteen (13) received in the following order: Kabata, Willink, Mroczkowski, Schuster, Halvorsen, Hahn, Uéno, Thompson, Ride, Bayer, Kraus, Cogger, Dupuis.

No votes were returned by Bernardi, Heppell, Lehtinen and Trjapitzin. Gruchy was on leave of absence.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Chromis Cuvier *in* Desmarest, 1814, *Bull. Sci. Soc. Philom. Paris* (3), vol. 1, p. 88

chromis, Sparus, Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema Naturae,* ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 280.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1986) 18 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1417.

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Executive Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
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